

Tree Committee June 9 Meeting is CANCELLED

Town of Ridgefield Tree Committee Special Meeting

Thursday June 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Tree Warden's Office

60 South Street FL2, Ridgefield, Connecticut

Policy: Tree Committee meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order, and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility.

Agenda

- 1) Approval of Minutes of prior meetings
- 2) Tree Warden's report
- 3) Funding opportunities (including grants: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/forestry/urban-forestry/grants/urban-forestry-grant-opportunities>)
- 4) Recap & Ideas for next year: Official Arbor Day is April 30, 2027. Discuss date, additional publicity ideas beyond flag, signs, favors etc.
- 5) General Urban and Community Forestry Information and Contacts "Urban forests contain the trees that we encounter most often in our daily lives." Manage Woodlands and Urban Forests – Review of Municipal Policies <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/forestry/urban-forestry/general-urban-forestry-information>
- 6) Ridgefield Open Space (~ 25% of 35 mi²)
- 7) Update "Forestry Management Plan" => "Urban" <> "Community" Forestry Management Plan
- 8) "Sharing knowledge with community"
 - a. Topic for next issue of Cons. Commission quarterly (~ 100 words; *eom* FMAN) PHOTO!
 - b. Content https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/forms_documents/index.php#outer-1084 for [Tree Committee](https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/boards_committees_commissions/tree_committee/index.php) page https://www.ridgefieldct.gov/boards_committees_commissions/tree_committee/index.php
 - c. Recap Tree Committee first time marching in Memorial Day Parade & Banner.
 - d. Need boost for Facebook group "Ridgefield, CT Trees" (2+ years, 324 members)
- 9) Planting more trees:
 - a. Main Street + gateways (CT highways & important Town roads): **\$25K** more progress in 2026
 - b. Schools: RHS: 1 done, 4 to go; Farmingville (Kitsey)
 - c. Richardson Park (2-3 needed as per Steve L.); invite public to join us for a planting lesson?
 - d. **\$25K** Trees for Town cemeteries (Branchville, Mapleshade/Olde Town, Ridgebury).
- 10) Other projects:
 - a. Collaborate w/ membership venues (Historical Society, Lounsbury House etc.) presentation(s)/ "hands on" seminars
 - b. Seven Members for Seven Sectors
 - i) Assess Town RoW trees et al. for a) safety; b) continuity of travel, services (e.g. utilities)
 - ii) Identify locations/species/size/condition for "Trees of Note" (Don)
- 11) Public Engagement ("... share knowledge with the Community; establish and maintain an optimum, stable, and safe public tree and plant environment")
- 12) Adjournment